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ORDERS USSR TIMBER INDUSTRY TO CONSERVE ELECTRIC POWER

Electric power requirements of timber managements, rafting roadsteads, saw-mills, tie-cutting plants, repair shops, and other enterprises of the Ministry of Timber Industry are increasing enormously every year. While mobile electric power plants of various capacities supply much of the requirement, demands on the regional power systems are growing.

The supervisors of many enterprises do not pay enough attention to questions of saving power, utilizing it rationally, and combating waste. Much information has been accumulated on unproductive consumption and waste of electric power due to less than full utilization of machinery and less than full work loads on equipment. Unnecessary use of electric power for heating purposes has also not yet been eliminated.

For the purpose of attaining strictly economical and rational utilization of electric power, Orlov, Minister of Timber Industry USSR, has issued an order according to which the chiefs of all main administrations, the chief of Molotovles (Molotov Timber) Combine, and all union-republic and autonomous-republic Ministers of Timber Industry are charged with working out and confirming by 1 December 1951 a plan for each individual enterprise and organization to save power and to raise the power factor in 1952.

To implement the power conservation program, all suggestions for saving electric power, which were proposed and for which premiums were paid in all-union competitions between 1945 and 1950, must be put into effect.

For enterprises receiving power from the system of the Ministry of Electric Power Stations, the power factor must reach a level not less than 0.9.

Procedure has been established according to which copies of all plans worked out and confirmed by main administrations and ministries for each enterprise to save electric power are sent to the Division of the Chief Mechanic and Power Engineer, Ministry of Timber Industry USSR.

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Glavsnab (Main Administration of Material-Technical Supply) has been ordered to supply enterprises with all materials and equipment necessary to save electric power.

The scientific research institutes TsNIIME (Central Scientific Research Institute of Mechanization and Power Engineering in Logging) and TsNIIMOD (Central Scientific Research Institute for Mechanical Wood Processing) have been ordered to prepare by 1 September 1952 instructions for setting up technically correct norms of electric power consumption in the various production phases of the Ministry of Timber Industry.

According to the order, a change will be made in the present statute concerning premium payments to industrial enterprise personnel to the effect that premiums of power economy supervisory personnel will be cut 25 percent for non-observance of established electric power consumption norms and failure to meet power conservation and power factor raising plans.

Electric power conservation is of enormous national economic importance. Successful results in this matter will be achieved only when all engineering and technical workers and all other workers associated with operating electrical equipment are included in the conservation program.

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